

Newsletter

August 2025

On RC44's participation at the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology

Thanks to all the RC44 members who helped make the 5th ISA Forum a success, with 4842 registered participants from 112 countries, presenting in over 1300 sessions over a full week of parallel sessions. A reminder to those who were there that you can:

- Download your Participation Certificates
- [Browse the Online Program and download the Programme Book and Abstract Book](#)
- Upload your photos to the [Shared Photo Album](#)
- If you missed the Opening and Closing Ceremonies – you can [watch them online](#) (or watch the short highlight videos shown during the Closing Ceremony of the Forum). We had quite provocative presentations from the different world regions and diverse sociological perspectives on Knowing, Justice and the Anthropocene.

Publications

Book

Chantel CARR and Jesse Adams STEIN (ed.) (2025) [*Working Through Planetary Breakdown: Labour, skill and the changing climate*](#). London: Routledge.

Journal Articles

[*Global Labour Journal*](#)

May 2025 (Vol. 16, No. 2) –

This quarter includes an important editorial on the future of the journal, including an acknowledgement of the important work of outgoing managing editor, Claire Ceruti. The new issue includes papers on the regulation of labour standards in Brazil's garment supply chain, on life and labour in the planetary social factory, on labour, ethics and AI, as well as social reproduction and women's union militancy, and free trade, tariffs and the US labour movement. Contributors include: Mariela Cambiasso, Katiuscia M Galhera, Vincenzo Maccarrone, Scott Martin, Francesco Sabato Massimo, Alessandra Mezzadri, Angelo Moro, Beltran Roca, William Tilleczeck and João Paulo Veiga.

Karner, A. (2025). [Coalitions in Motion: Labor and Riders Organizing for Transit Justice](#). *New Labor Forum*, Online First.

Caboverde CE and Flaminiano JP (2025) [Future-proof work? The experiences of gig economy workers in the Philippines](#). *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*. 36(1): 161-186

Lee, S. C., Fleckenstein, T., & Chun, Y. (2025). [From Labor Market Dualization to Inclusive Growth? Trade Unions and the Politics of Labor Market Reform in South Korea](#). *Politics & Society*, 53(3): 476-507

Hau, M. F., & Hansen, N. W. (2025). [Social media, democracy, and the labor movement: How battles for control on Facebook affect unions](#). *Journal of Industrial Relations*, 67(4): 585-606.

Maury, O., Hakala, O., & Näre, L. (2025). [Ambivalent affects in the platform assemblage: perspectives from the food delivery sector](#). *Globalizations* Online First

Lee, T., Foley, M., Tapsell, A., & Cooper, R. (2024). [Promise and peril: Gender, technology, and the future of work in the legal profession](#). *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*, 35(4), 890–904

Working Paper

Verena SCHMIDT and Catarina BRAGA (2025) [The Role of Collective Bargaining in Promoting Just Transitions](#). Geneva: International Labour Organization.

Announcements

Reminders

(1) RC44 has a Bluesky account ([@labourrc44.bsky.social](#)), and we are continuing with our presence on Twitter/X for the time being. Please follow us there, as well as on our recently established [LinkedIn page](#) or [Facebook](#) (which we will look to resurrect ASAP).

(2) Items for the newsletter are always encouraged and welcomed, e.g., new or forthcoming publications, upcoming events, calls for papers or abstracts, job posts, links to reports about labour movement activities, or other relevant news/announcements. Send any items to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au. The deadline for the next newsletter is 30 September.

(3) A reminder that you are strongly encouraged to invite colleagues and comrades to join our eList, including fellow researchers, academics and students of labour, work, employment and labour movements (and related fields), as well as trade unionists, NGO and movement activists, practitioners, etc. It's easy! If you're already on the list, you can invite them yourself. Alternatively, tell them to sign up directly by signing up to googlegroups and searching for 'rc-44', or just email a request to tom.barnes@acu.edu.au.

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In solidarity,

Tom, on behalf of the RC44 Board (2023-2027)

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